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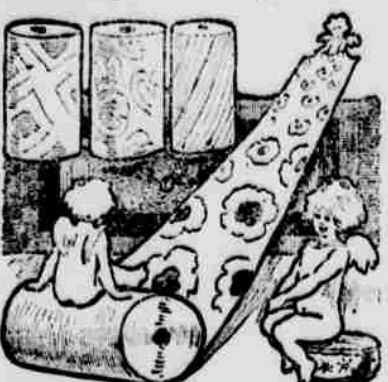
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HERR MOST ARRESTED.

Herr Most, anarchist and editor of Die Freiheit, published in New York, was arrested in St. Louis last Monday, together with Carl Nolte. The St. Louis papers gave a lengthy account of the arrest, and I read carefully to ascertain what crime these men had committed.

It appears that Nolte had rented a hall and advertised that Herr Most was to speak on "anarchism" that evening. At 8 o'clock quite a crowd had gathered at the advertised place, when twenty-four uniformed policemen stepped in and dispersed the crowd. As the men were driven from the hall one of them exclaimed: "A policeman's club is the only constitution in the United States."

I know little or nothing about the creed of the anarchist. But the fact that he is so dreaded by the present ruling powers is enough to create a suspicion that he has ideas that are liable to spread if permitted to be expressed. All I have ever heard of the anarchist is that he is a sneaking, blood-thirsty criminal, opposed to all forms of government.

The incident in St. Louis causes me to pause. In that city the most immoral and vicious entertainments are permitted—and often under police protection.

Along comes Carl Nolte, rents a hall and advertises that Herr Most will speak on anarchism.

The constitution of this country guarantees free speech.

When the crowd gathers to hear Most, it is driven out and Most and his manager arrested.

No offense had been committed. No offense was charged. But they were thrown in prison and the entry opposite their names was: "Held for the chief."

Is it any wonder that the crowd yelled: "A policeman's club is the only constitution in this country?"

Suppose Herr Most had preached the most vicious and inflammatory doctrine imaginable, could he have misrepresented the truth any more than the average politician misrepresents it during every campaign? Why are Republican and Democratic politicians not arrested for preaching false doctrines?

Just think over this a bit.

If ex-Lieut. Gov. Lee had got off his seat and made speeches for the election it might have been worse. Lee and Dockery said it had been a machine stand-point.

JUST BILIN' OVER.

This talk about every fellow who believes that labor has rights is a Socialist, and, therefore, an anarchist, is just 'bilin' over. In Colorado Peabodyism was overthrown, bug and baggage, but is yet trying to succeed itself by the grace of the supreme court and the militia.

The great majority of farmers do not understand what is meant by a trades union. It is simply an agreement among the men who toil in a particular branch of labor not to permit the owners of their jobs to be cruelly unjust to them.

Their weapon is the strike. For a time these unions worked only locally, but found that their masters worked nationally. If a local union felt aggrieved and quit work the masters of another section supplied the necessary men.

After years of struggle and hardships the workers found themselves up against a proposition of national dimensions and undertook to meet it. They have made wonderful progress, and were it not for traitors in their own camp they would have smooth sailing.

In Ohio there is a concern known as the Employers' Auxiliary that furnishes skilled men of any calling or profession to employers. It is the purpose of these men to get into the unions, work themselves up to the top and keep the employers posted as to what is going on.

John Mitchell and Samuel Gompers, who are heralded by the corporation press as labor's greatest leaders, are really labor's greatest enemies.

But the majority of labor leaders are sincere and honest, and where you find a man of that sort you generally hear of him being in jail or under arrest when a strike is on.

That is what we have our officials, our courts and our standing armies for. That is why your "respectable element" takes such an active part in politics and want you to elect to office men who have been "successful in business." You never hear of their urging the election of a man because he is an expert horse-shoer, or because he can raise the largest watermelons, the best wheat or the finest cattle. Oh, no. They want a "business man"—a man who regards dirty dollars above all else. They figure that if they need him he has his price—and they have the dollars.

But a surprise was sprung on the nation last week. A strike is on among the iron workers of Cincinnati, Ohio. "Conspiracy" is a common charge to prefer against the heads of unions. The owners of the Cincinnati iron works immediately made (false) oath that J. F. Valentine, president of the International Union of Iron Molders, had planned

to blow up their plant, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Mr. Valentine happened to be in Cleveland, the city of which Tom Johnson is mayor. (Readers of the Kicker will recall that this paper advocated Tom Johnson for president more than a year ago.)

Upon telegraphic information Mr. Valentine was arrested in Cleveland by detectives as a CRIMINAL.

Mayor Tom Johnson heard of it and sent for him to be brought to the city hall.

When the president of the Iron Molders' Union was brought into the presence of the mayor of that great city, the mayor said to the detectives: "This is my prisoner; you go."

And from that moment on the alleged criminal was the honored guest of the chief executive of that city.

If the politicians undertook to read everybody out of the party that scratched at the last election there would be little else than politicians left. For years the job-holders have been pounding it into the people that it is an unpardonable offense not to swallow whatever is dished up to them, and about all that was necessary to discredit a man was to suggest that he was a bolter. But the bolter was so conspicuous at the last election that the politicians will not likely assail him soon.

In Thursday's Post-Dispatch these headlines appear: "Miss Roosevelt Picked Winner. President's Daughter Won Two Bets and Quit \$60 Ahead." Miss Roosevelt is about sixteen years old. The Post-Dispatch seems to regard this as a great achievement for the young lady. She "quit \$60 ahead." If you said that about a Commerce "coon" in a crap game he would jump the state to avoid indictment. But it so much depends on who it is and how they do it in this country.

In spite of protest from all over the state, all the district and state conventions (except the one that nominated Joe Farris at Charleston) specifically endorsed Dockery's administration. But the people got a whack at it on the 8th ult., and there can be no mistaking what they think of the Dockery administration. And you don't have to get a mind reader to figure it out.

Billy Barnes, of the Sikeston Democrat, just won't be good. I permitted him to share in my ballot job graft to the extent of \$10—and yet he is not happy.

Up to date, the Philippine Islands have cost this government only \$627,000,000—or about \$40 for the head of every family.

AT IT AGAIN.

This is the season of the year when alleged newspapers try to scare people into paying for a publication they do not want, and are printing what they claim to be the postal law and court decisions. Here is a sample:

"The latest postal laws are such that newspaper publishers can arrest any one for fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it. Under the law the man who allows his subscription to run along for some time unpaid and then orders it discontinued and orders the postmaster to mark it 'refused' and have a postal card sent notifying the publishers, leaves himself liable to arrest and fine, the same as for theft."

This is all bosh. But a law making it blackmail for a newspaper to try to squeeze money out of people by publishing such stuff would be a blessing.

Newspaper publishers are just like other citizens and have no right to force their product upon people that do not want it and then demand pay.

MISSOURI'S DEMOCRACY.

They say figures don't lie. Hence it ought to be easy to figure out the brand of Democracy we have had on tap in Missouri for twenty years.

A newspaper reflects what is behind it, just as a mirror reflects what is before it.

The St. Louis Republic, chiefly owned by D. R. Francis, and the St. Louis World, backed by Ed. Butler, are the metropolitan papers that claim to dish out real Missouri Democracy.

Now figure it out.

When the Kicker man gets out of a job he is going to run for congress. The congressmen have fixed it up so nice for themselves. Each congressman has voted himself a "secretary" at \$1,200 a year. He has also voted himself an allowance of twenty cents a mile for transportation and rides on free passes. Stationery and garden seeds are also furnished free to him by the government. If he dies the government pays his funeral expenses, together with \$2,600 for printing slobber—commonly called "eulogies." The last congress appropriated \$100,000 to pay for slobber.

With two millionaires—Dick Karsens and Tom Niedringhaus—as the leading candidates to succeed Senator Cockrell, it is a great calamity, viewed from the hoodlums' standpoint, that Joe Folk will be the governor. Under the usual conditions \$1000 bills would be as thick at Jefferson City as fleas in the sand during melon time. But with Joe Folk in the governor's chair the hoodlums will be a little careful how they display \$1000 bills in bar rooms.

CAPITALISM ALARMED.

The astounding increase of the vote polled by the Socialists at the recent election is alarming the capitalist press of the country. Nearly one million votes were polled by them—a gain of 500 per cent, and this, too, with little or no organization.

The states that polled the heaviest Socialist vote are: Illinois, 70,000; New York, 50,000; Pennsylvania, 40,000; Wisconsin, 35,000; California, 30,000; Ohio, 27,000; Indiana, 25,000; Minnesota, 20,000; Massachusetts, 20,000; Missouri, 15,000; Kansas, 15,000; Iowa, 12,000; Washington, 12,000.

What is so remarkable is that, of the four minor parties—Populist, Socialist, Prohibition and Socialist Labor—that had presidential tickets in the field, the Socialist party, of which Eugene Debs was the presidential candidate, leads. It claims the distinction of being the party entitled to the support of the masses in the great struggle between the masses and the classes.

The late Mark Hanna was shrewd and a man that could see ahead. Shortly before his death he said: "The fight of the future will be between Socialism, representing the working class, and Republicanism, representing the capitalist class."

That something is going to happen is quite sure. Whether that something is done in the name of Socialism or Populism or any other name, does not matter.

The last election indicates that the people have taken it into their heads that they want to rule. They even went so far as to refuse to vote 'er straight. When you get the average voter that far along he is getting

himself in a fair way to vote intelligently.

Republicans claim an overwhelming victory for their party. It was nothing of the kind. Roosevelt did not get as many votes as McKinley got four years ago. Of course his majorities were greater and he carried more states. But that was because he had no formidable opponent and the opposition to him was disorganized, scattered and discouraged.

Many Bryanites voted for Roosevelt because they regarded him as the only candidate that stood for anything.

President Roosevelt visited St. Louis the first of the week and the daily papers haven't dispensed so much slobber since Prince Henry was over.

Wonder if I. L. Page will resurrect his "news bureau" with the convening of the legislature? Up to date the Kicker has received no request to subscribe for the service. Page is the man who, during the last session of the legislature, furnished country newspapers with weekly letters applauding the law-makers. He was caught with a \$1000 bill, and when the grand jury asked him to explain he stood on what the supreme court held was his constitutional rights.

An examination of the St. Charles Savings Bank develops that Cashier Mispagel is \$78,826.74 short. Mispagel is chairman of the St. Charles County Republican Committee, and lost no time in preaching prosperity and the full dinner pail.

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